Non-transfer of provident fund contribution to the Board of Trustees

1790. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have initiated action to prosecute a Calcutta-based public sector undertaking for non-transfer of provident fund contribution to the Board of Trustees;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how many public sector units have violated provident fund regulations during the last three years and what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Sabha.

Pollution caused by cars

1791. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cars cause pollution in a big way in the metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any study recently in this regard; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative what steps Government propose to take to curb such pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The steps taken to control the pollution include following:

— Emission standards for exhaust from Motor Vehicles (Petrol and diesel driven) have been precribed for phased implementation.

— The State Governments have been advised to amend the Motor Vehivles Rules and notify the vehicular emission standards so far eight State Governments and One Union Territory have amended the Motor Vehicles rules and notified the standards.

— The petroleum industry has been asked to progressively reduce the lead content in petrol.

Arrest of Pak Spy in Delhi

1792. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Pakistani spy sent to the Capital by the Pakistan Military Intelligence was arrested in Delhi Cantonment area in September, 1986;

(b) whether during the month of August and September, 1986 a number of Pakistani spies were held in various States especially in Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir and Delhi;

(c) if so, what is the number of Pakistani spies apprehended as on 30th June, 1987 from all the State/Union territory as stated above and what action has been taken against them; and

(d) what directives had been issued to all the State Governments to keep a vigil against the activities of such foreign spies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) According to information furnished by the

Delhi Administration, one Pak national was arrested on 8-9-86 and a case under section 3/9 of the Official Secrets Act was registered against him.

(b) According to information available, 23 persons, were arrested on charges of spying for Pakistan during August-September 1986 in the States of Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab and Delhi.

(c) Information for the period from January to June 1987 is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(d) Government is seized of the problem of espionage particularly in the border States and vigilance by the security agencies on the Indo-Pakistan border and other vulnerable areas has been intensified to check espionage activities.

Cases of Death of Married Women in Delhi

1793. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases of death of married women between the ages 18 to 30 in the Delhi region under the category (i) burning (ii) suicide (iii) poisoning and (iv) shooting during the period from 1st January, 1984 to 30th June, 1987;

(b) whether death in any of the above cases took place under suspicious circumstances and referred to the Dowry Death Cell;

(c) whether investigations were done by taking statements of the parents of the deceased; and

(d) what fool-proof methods are contemplated to take direct and indirect evidence in such cases to meet the ends of justice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES, AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The requisite figures are indicated below:

Death of married women between the age of 18 to 30 years, by—	1984	1985	1986	1987 upto 30 June, 1987
1. Burning	440	452	478	30
2. Suicide	257	234	251	10
3. Poisoning	37	47	46	1
4. Shooting	2	3	—	
TOTAL	736	736	775	42

(b) 51 cases of dowry deaths were received in the Dowry Cell.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Following steps have been taken in this regard:—

(i) Section 176 Cr. P.C. has been amended to provide that where the death of a woman occurs under suspicious circumstances within 7 years of marriage inquest proceedings shall be conducted by a Sub-Division Magistrate.

(ii) New sections 113 and 115 in the Indian Evidence Act, 18